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Why The Big Fuss About SEANZ? Here's Why It Matters For Solar In New Zealand

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My Solar Quotes has been a proud member of the Sustainable Energy Association of New Zealand (SEANZ) for over 12 years. So, I thought it was about time I explain why SEANZ is such a big deal in the solar industry—and why you'll hear anyone involved in solar (including me!) talking it up!

What's SEANZ All About?

SEANZ is the driving force behind promoting, supporting, and pushing innovation in solar PV and energy storage technologies across New Zealand. It's the only solar-focused association in the country, leading the charge on New Zealand's energy transformation and empowering more people to embrace sustainable energy solutions.

To be completely upfront, I'm on the SEANZ board—one of nine passionate folks volunteering our time to steer the industry in a positive, sustainable direction. But even before I joined the board, I was already a big SEANZ supporter. Being part of such a well-regarded organisation allows me to make a difference in the solar world, which I love!

Who’s Part Of SEANZ?

SEANZ is proudly independent of both the government and the electricity supply industry (ESI). It brings together a great mix of people: manufacturers, system integrators, distributors, retailers, tech companies, aggregators, software developers, finance experts, and everyday energy users—all united under the same mission. It’s a pretty unique and inspiring crowd!

The Big Annual Get Together

Every year, SEANZ brings the entire industry together in one place for the SEANZ Annual Conference, a must-attend event here in Aotearoa. This two-day summit is packed with valuable sessions and events: hands-on technical workshops, best practices for both grid-connected and off-grid systems, and the latest tech and product showcases. Day one wraps up with some lively networking, and on day two, you’ll find innovative case studies, expert panel discussions, industry updates, and (if we’re lucky!) a session with the Minister of Energy.

The grand finale? An awards ceremony followed by a networking dinner—always a highlight and a fantastic way to cap off an inspiring event.

Why Choose A SEANZ Member For Your Solar Installation?

Here's the deal: SEANZ membership is a mark of quality, professionalism, and accountability in New Zealand.

Here's what sets SEANZ members apart:

- Strict Entry Criteria: To join SEANZ, members go through thorough background checks, including reference verification, to ensure they meet high standards.
- Access to Green Loans: Want more financing options? SEANZ members are eligible for green loans from major banks—check out the details here.
- Accountability: Members agree to a strict code of conduct, and memberships are revoked if they don't follow it. When you work with a SEANZ member, you know you're in good hands.
- Dispute Resolution: If any issues come up, SEANZ steps in to help resolve things fairly, supporting both the customer and the business.

The SEANZ Code Of Conduct—What It Means For You

The SEANZ Code of Conduct sets the bar high for members, with key principles you can count on:

- Professionalism: SEANZ members are expected to conduct their businesses with honesty, responsibility, and methodical care.
- Competence: Members stay sharp, keeping their workforce skilled and up-to-date with the latest in solar and sustainable energy.
- Transparency: SEANZ members provide all the information you need to make informed decisions.
- Compliance: Members comply with all relevant laws and regulations and only install products that meet strict standards.

These standards ensure you're getting a high-quality, ethical, and reliable service every time. So, when you choose a SEANZ member, you're choosing peace of mind along with your solar!

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